Historic Farewell Sermon of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

The Ten Commandments of the Noble Prophet ﷺ

1443 years ago, in the 10th year of Hijrah, the Messenger of Allah,
The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ delivered his historic and momentous
Farewell Sermon in the vast plain of Arafat.
In that sermon, he placed Ten Commandments before the world as
his beloved commandments.

1. **O people! Listen to me carefully. For I do not know whether I shall be among you at this place on this day next year. This day, this month, and this city are sacred. Likewise, your lives, your property, and your honour are sacred and must remain so until the Day of Judgment. No one has the right to violate them or unlawfully seize them. Remember that you will be held accountable for all of these in the presence of Allah.**

2. **O people! If a person commits a crime, the punishment shall be borne only by the one who committed it, not by his family members. A father must not wrong his son, nor a son his father. A child will not be punished for the crime of his father, nor a father for the crime of his child.**

3. **O people! From today onward, all claims of revenge for killings and atrocities committed during the period of ignorance (before Islam) are abolished. First and foremost, I abolish the claim of revenge for the killing of Rabīʿah ibn al-Hārith, who belonged to my own family. The ignorant practices of blood-revenge, loss of life, and foolishness that prevailed in the days of ignorance must never return.**

4. **O people! The taking of interest (usury) is now forbidden for you. All interest amounts from the time of ignorance are abolished from today. Debtors are required to repay only the principal amount. And I begin with my own family: all interest owed to my uncle Al-ʻAbbās ibn ʻAbdul-Muṭṭalib is hereby completely cancelled.**

5. **O people! Fear Allah regarding women. Just as you have rights over your wives, your wives also have rights over you. They are a trust placed in your care. You have taken them as wives in the name of Allah. Their duty is not to allow into your homes those whom you dislike. If they do so, you may separate from them in bed for a time, or discipline them without causing harm. Likewise, it is your duty to provide them with food and clothing and to treat them with love and compassion. Fear Allah and safeguard their rights and well-being.**

6. **O people! Listen carefully to my words and understand them well. Know that all Muslims are brothers to one another. You belong to one brotherhood. It is haram (forbidden) to take another person's property unless it is given willingly. Guard yourselves strictly against injustice.**

7. **O people! There will be no prophet or messenger after me, and no new community will come after you. Know this well: worship only your Lord, who created and sustains you. Perform the five daily prayers diligently. Fast during the blessed month of Ramadan. Calculate and give Zakat from your wealth to purify yourselves. Perform the Hajj to the House of your Lord. Obey those who are placed in authority over you. By doing so, you will enter the Paradise that has been promised for you.**

8. **O people! You will soon meet your Lord, and He will question you about all your deeds. After me, do not turn astray and fall into killing one another. Know this well: Satan has lost hope that he will ever be worshipped on this earth. But he will be pleased if you follow him in matters you consider insignificant, thereby disobeying Allah. Do not yield to Satanic actions in any form.**

9. **O people! Know that your Lord is One, and your father is one.**
   An Arab is not superior to a non-Arab, nor is a non-Arab superior to an Arab—except in righteousness. A white person is not superior to a black person, nor a black person to a white person. All of you are children of Adam, and Adam was created from dust.
   I place and crush beneath my feet all pride of caste, race, lineage, and color.

Having completed the sermon, the Noble Messenger ﷺ asked the vast gathering:

10. **O people! Have I conveyed to you the commands of Allah?**
    Have I fulfilled the trust Allah placed upon me?
    When Allah questions you about me on the Day of Judgment, what will you say?

The people replied in one thunderous voice arose from that great wave of crowd:

> ***"Yes! You have conveyed the commands of Allah to us!***
> ***You have fulfilled the message entrusted to you!***
> ***You have delivered all the guidance needed for our lives!***
> ***We bear witness to this forever!"***

Upon hearing this, **the Final Messenger** ﷺ raised his blessed hands toward the sky and proclaimed three times:

"O Allah, bear witness!
O Allah, bear witness!
O Allah, bear witness!"

Then he said:

"Let those who are present convey my message to those who are absent. For indeed, some who hear it indirectly may understand it better than those who heard it directly."

Implement the command…!